

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Central Methodist College in Fayette, Missouri, which will commemorate the resplendent occasion of its One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary during the Spring Alumni Reunion Weekend to be held April 23-24, 2004; and

Whereas, on April 13 and April 14, 1853, Missouri Methodists met in St. Louis and voted to establish a college, and founding Curators held their first meeting in Fayette on December 9, 1854, which was followed by the General Assembly of Missouri's chartering of "the Central College" of the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church South of Missouri on May 15, 1855; and

Whereas, Central College began as the dream of the Reverend Dr. Nathan Scarritt and the Reverend David Rice McNally, who were determined to provide quality higher education for Missouri Methodists; and

Whereas, the first classes at Central College met on September 18, 1857, on a one-acre campus in Fayette with 114 male students, a faculty of three men, an endowment of \$10,000, and an operating budget of \$3,600; and

Whereas, today Central Methodist College is a four-year, coeducational liberal arts institution with graduate studies in education that provides instruction to more than 1,300 students from 19 states and 15 countries each year; and

Whereas, the only United Methodist Church-related college in Missouri, Central Methodist College continues a close relationship with Missouri Methodists which was recognized by the College with the name change in 1961; and

Whereas, since its inception, more than 20,000 students have studied at Central Methodist College, the Fayette campus has been designated a National Historic District and has expanded to 90 acres, the endowment has grown to \$18.5 million, and the operating budget has increased to \$17.8 million:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and best wishes to the students, teachers, administrators, and alumni of Central Methodist College upon this very special anniversary event; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Central Methodist College in Fayette, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Kathlyn Fares
District No. 91

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker